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## Update for Week of July 4 - 10, 2021

This report provides trend analysis of the volume and prices of Seasonal Perishable commodities. Volume represents current week and prices represent open (spot) market sales by first handlers on product of generally good quality and condition unless otherwise stated and may include promotional allowances or other incentives. The charts provide graphic representation of the volume and prices of the major commodities this week based on seasonal volume.

The nationwide shortage of truck drivers continues to affect many aspects of the market, from prices for product to the availability of packing supplies. The holiday week saw some spot shortages of gasoline, but supplies were mostly adequate. Temporary delivery issues and associated pump outages have been reported in parts of Colorado, the Florida Keys, central Iowa, south central Ohio, Washington, and Oregon. A tight supply of workers remains a challenge for most sectors, but most especially for retail. The hot weather in the western U.S. and Canada is further impacting an already tight pool of farm workers and support staff, as their hours must be curtailed due to the extreme conditions. This impacts supplies, condition of the products and may adversely impact market prices.

Peru asparagus movement is expected to increase slightly. Trading on Jumbo size was active, and active for extra large at slightly lower prices, while trading on other sizes was moderate. Prices on jumbo size were slightly higher, and extra-large size slightly lower. Prices for standard size asparagus are generally unchanged. Movement of asparagus crossings from Mexico is expected to remain about the same. Trading early in the week was active, late in the week moderate. Prices are generally unchanged. Prices represent very few spot market sales as most product is covering contract sales.

Movement of avocados from Mexico crossing through Texas is expected to decrease seasonally. A combination of a disruption in harvesting last week due to rain along with limited availability of this season's crop has growers and packers pushing for higher prices. Trading on 84s is very active due to light supplies. Trading on all other sizes is moderate. Prices are higher. Movement from the South District California is expected to decrease seasonally. Prices Conventional 60s, 84s and organic 60-70s are higher, others generally unchanged. Peru imports arriving through the ports of Miami, Philadelphia, and New York movement is expected to remain about the same, with trading moderate and prices unchanged.

Mexican cucumber crossings through Texas are expected about the same, with trading early fairly active and later active at higher prices. Movement from Mexico crossing through Otay Mesa is expected to remain the same. Trading was active with prices on medium generally unchanged, others slightly higher. Movement and prices are being impacted by a slight shortage of trucks and high freight rates. Movement of cucumbers from South Georgia is expected to decrease as most shippers are finished for the season. Tropical storm Elsa moved through the region resulting in growers having to curtail harvest until the storm passed. Trading is moderate and prices are lower. Movement from Western North Carolina is expected to increase as more producers begin to harvest. Currently no F.O.B. prices are being reported. Movement from Eastern North Carolina is expected to continue decreasing as most shippers are finished for the season. A last report was issued.

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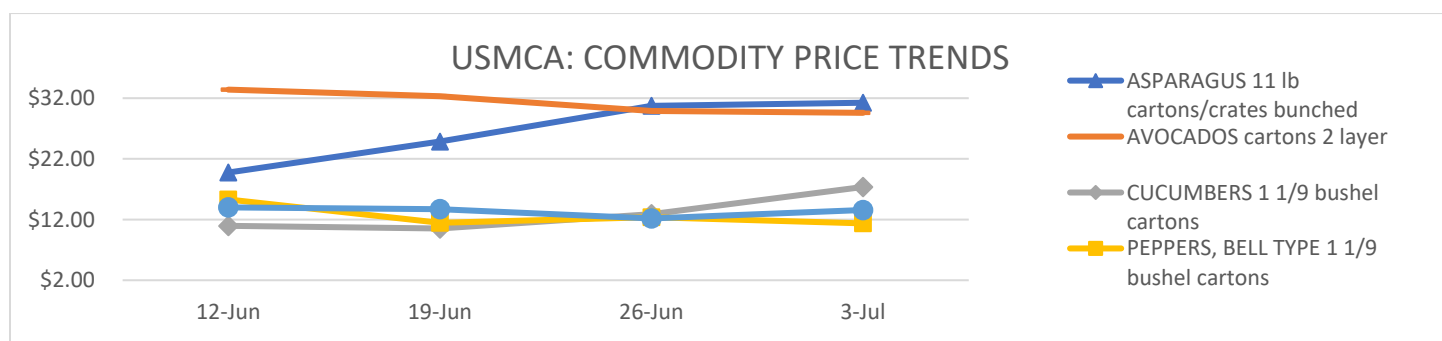
Movement of green bell peppers from San Joaquin Valley California is expected to remain the same. Trading early in the week was moderate, late slow. Demand is light and prices are much lower. Movement from Eastern North Carolina is expected to remain the same. Trading was moderate and prices slightly lower. Movement from South Georgia is expected to decrease as most shippers have finished for the season. Trading was moderate and prices slightly lower. A last report was issued for the season. Movement from Coachella Valley California is expected to decrease sharply as most shippers have finished for the season. Supplies are insufficient and in too few hands to establish a market. Lighter shipments expected to continue through July 10. A last report was issued. Movement from Western North Carolina is currently underway as growers begin harvesting. Sufficient volume to report prices is expected over the next 7-10 days.

Tomato movement from Mexico crossing through Texas is expected about the same with trading active early and moderate later. Prices are lower with most present shipments from prior booking and/or previous commitments. Central District California movement is expected to increase seasonally. Trading early in the week was moderate and later fairly slow. Supplies are fairly heavy and prices lower. Movement and F.O.B. prices impacted by a slight shortage of trucks and high freight rates. Movement from Florida West and South Carolina District is expected to remain about the same as a few growers finished for the season. Trading Active and most shipments are coming from gas rooms. Prices are lower. Movement of tomatoes from Mexico crossing through Otay Mesa is expected about the same. Trading early was active, and late moderate. Prices are slightly lower. The increased availability of domestic grown tomatoes in the summer months is decreasing the demand of tomatoes from Mexico. Movement of tomatoes out of Southeastern Arkansas is expected to slightly increase. Trading was fairly slow with prices on most sizes lower and others generally unchanged. Light harvest in Alabama is expected in the next 7 days, with sufficient volume to report prices in 14 days. Light harvest is expected to start within 10 days in Eastern Tennessee and Eastern Shore Virginia with the first price report expected in the next 14 days. Light movement is expected to begin within 7-10 days in Western North Carolina, with current volume insufficient to report the market..

The following table provides a four-week price trend of the highest traded commodities this week.

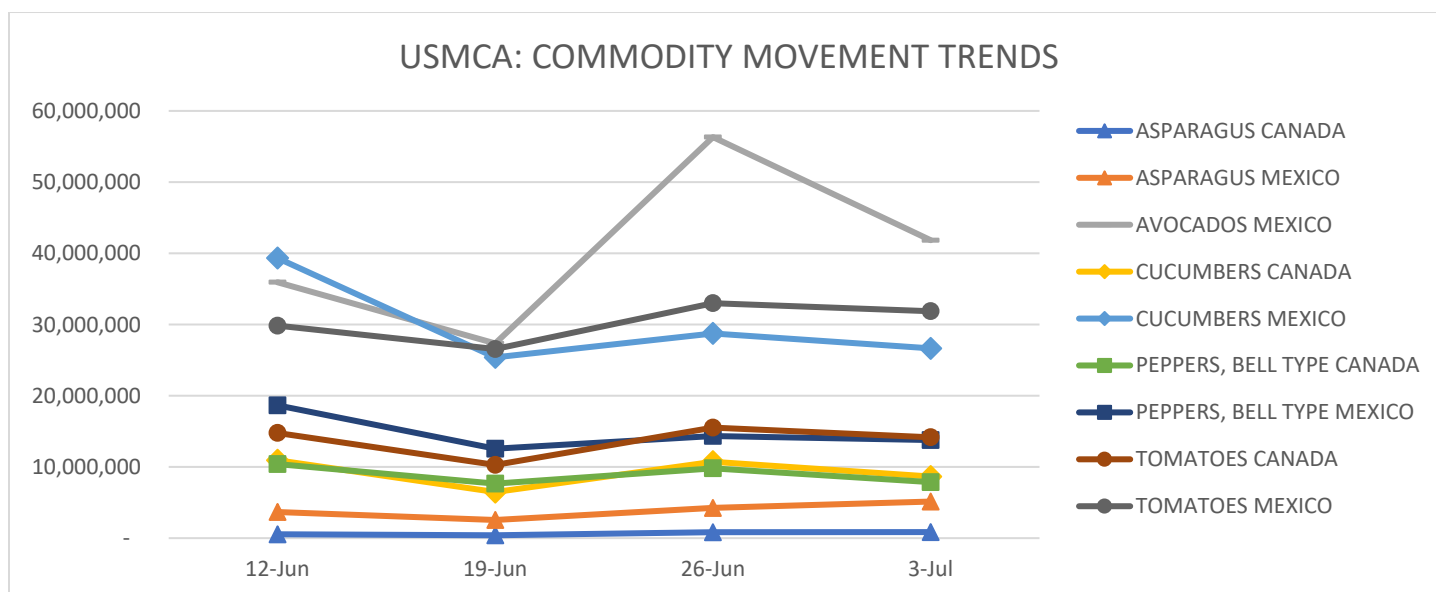
#### Four Week Price Trend in U.S. Dollars

Commodity	Package	12-Jun	19-Jun	26-Jun	3-Jul
ASPARAGUS	11 lb cartons/crates bunched	\$ 19.75	\$ 24.85	\$ 30.75	\$ 31.25
AVOCADOS	cartons 2 layer	\$ 33.41	\$ 32.33	\$ 29.90	\$ 29.59
CUCUMBERS	1 1/9 bushel cartons	\$ 10.96	\$ 10.53	\$ 12.89	\$ 17.37
PEPPERS, BELL TYPE	1 1/9 bushel cartons	\$ 15.31	\$ 11.46	\$ 12.38	\$ 11.37
TOMATOES	cartons 2 layer	\$ 14.00	\$ 13.72	\$ 12.18	\$ 13.56

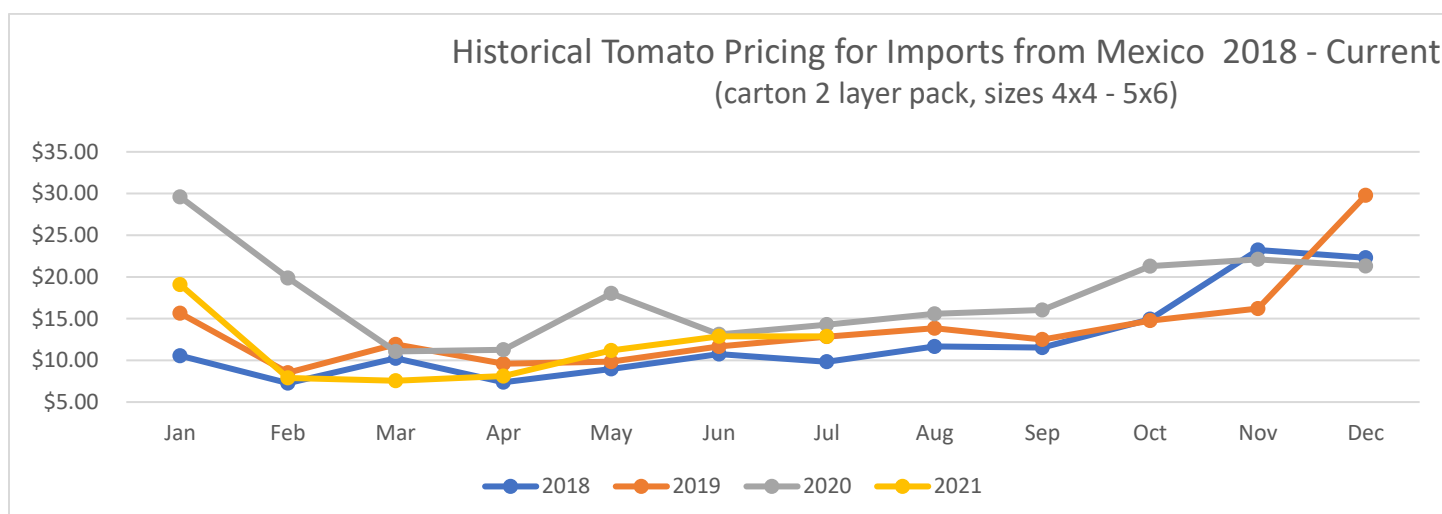


## Four Week Movement in Pounds

COMMODITY	ORIGIN	12-Jun	19-Jun	26-Jun	3-Jul
ASPARAGUS	CANADA	537,658	405,611	824,007	849,864
	MEXICO	3,666,487	2,548,406	4,247,576	5,137,850
AVOCADOS	MEXICO	35,942,068	27,346,932	56,322,205	41,842,670
CUCUMBERS	CANADA	10,938,018	6,474,345	10,726,031	8,652,808
	MEXICO	39,326,785	25,388,336	28,750,167	26,648,343
PEPPERS, BELL TYPE	CANADA	10,399,788	7,657,730	9,804,407	7,859,123
	MEXICO	18,644,801	12,561,870	14,346,656	13,766,396
TOMATOES	CANADA	14,766,760	10,285,143	15,521,791	14,167,676
	MEXICO	29,834,924	26,560,006	32,993,125	31,868,059



The following chart, *Historical Tomato Pricing for Imports from Mexico*, is a four-year view of Mexican tomato prices at shipping point. Tomatoes are shown as they are the most consistently traded year-round. They have the highest volume of product moving between the U.S., Mexico, and Canada, along with a high level of market coverage of tomatoes by USDA Market News.



To be regarded as "seasonal and perishable," agricultural products must meet the following conditions: (1) the products are fresh or chilled products falling under the following HS2002 tariff codes: 0701, 0702, 0703, 0704, 0705, 0706, 0707, 0708, 0709, 0803, 0804, 0805, 0806, 0807, 0808, 0809, 0810; (2) the products are marketed in raw form for consumption without "further processing" ("further processing" refers to e.g. crushing, juicing, canning, or any other process that transforms the product from its raw form); and (3) the products normally are marketed within eight weeks after harvesting.

For information on the imported volume and prices of the remaining Seasonal and Perishable commodities listed below please visit: <https://www.marketnews.usda.gov/mnp/fv-home>

- Potatoes
- Tomatoes
- Onions, shallots, garlic, leeks, and other alliaceous vegetables
- Cabbages, cauliflower, kohlrabi, kale, and similar edible brassicas
- Lettuce (*Lactuca sativa*) and chicory (*Cichorium* spp.)
- Carrots, turnips, salad beets (salad beetroot), salsify, celeriac, radishes, and similar edible roots
- Cucumbers, including gherkins
- Leguminous vegetables, shelled or unshelled
- Other vegetables, fresh or chilled: asparagus, eggplants, celery, mushrooms and truffles, peppers (*Capsicum* or of the genus *Pimenta*), spinach, artichokes, olives, pumpkins, squash, and gourds
- Bananas and plantains
- Dates, figs, pineapples, avocados, guavas, mangoes, and mangosteens
- Citrus fruit
- Grapes
- Melons (including watermelons) and papayas (papaws)
- Apples, pears, and quinces
- Apricots, cherries, peaches (including nectarines), plums (including prune plums) and sloes
- Other fruit: strawberries, raspberries, blackberries, mulberries, loganberries, black, white, or red currants and gooseberries (other than kiwifruit), cranberries, blueberries, and other fruits of the genus *Vaccinium*, kiwifruit, durians, persimmons,
- Other berries; tamarinds